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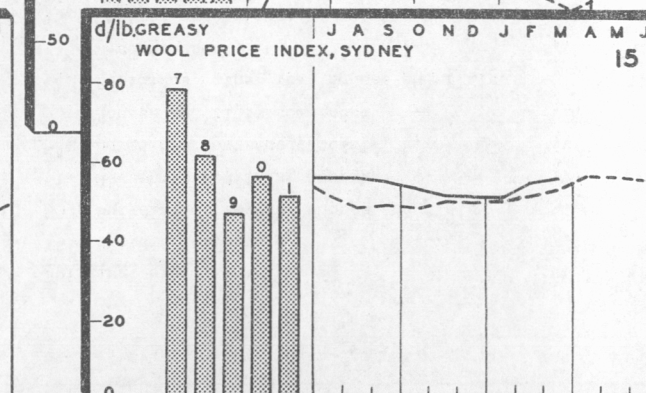
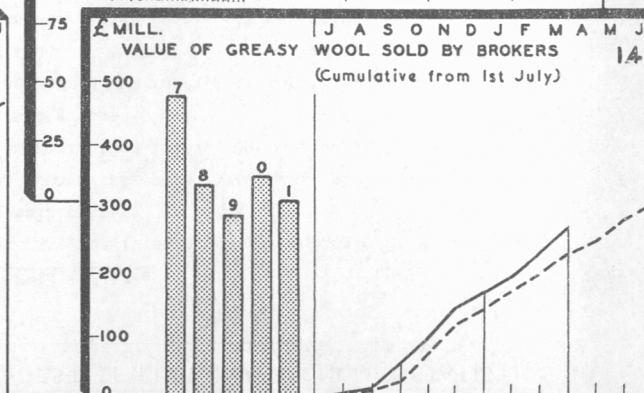
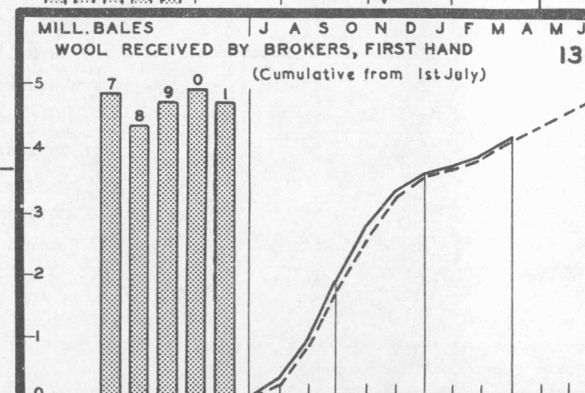
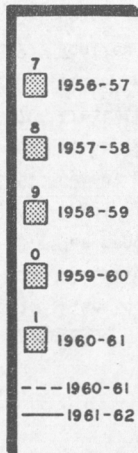
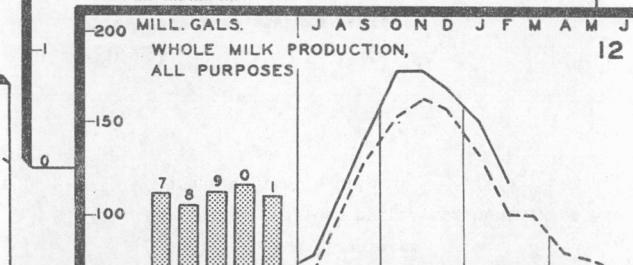
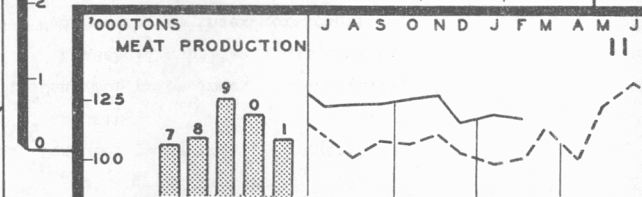
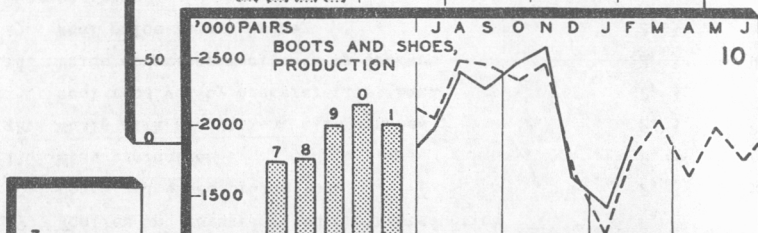
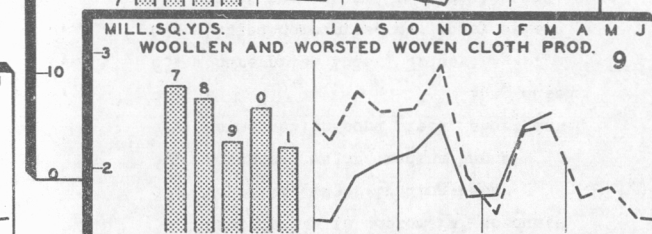
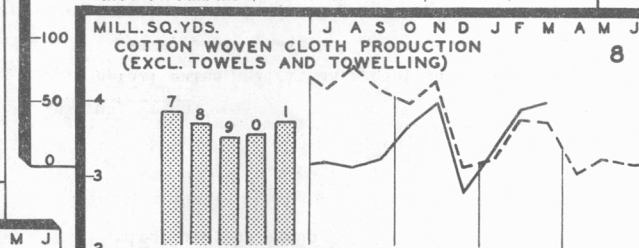
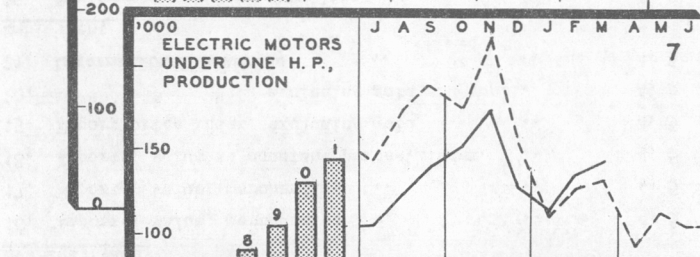
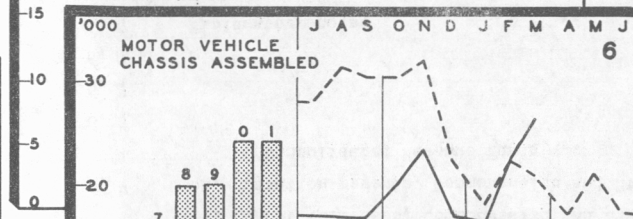
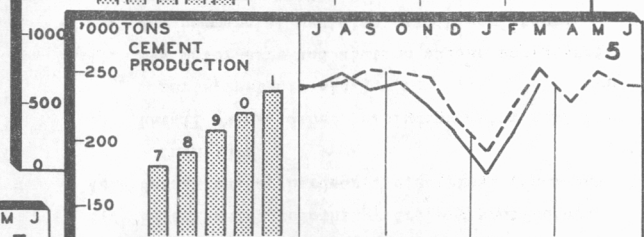
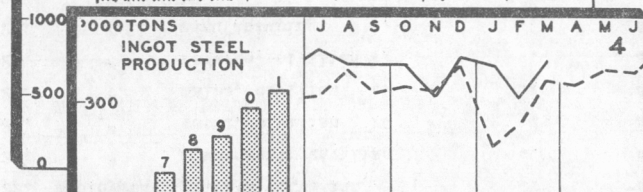
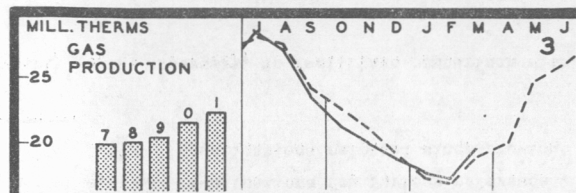
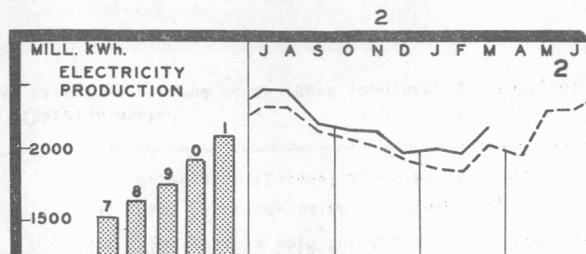
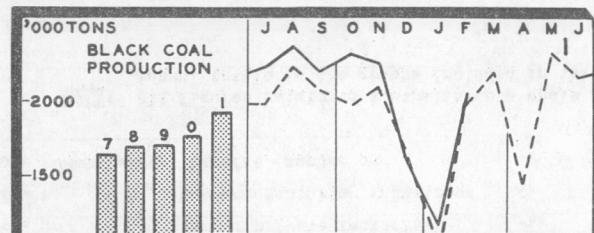
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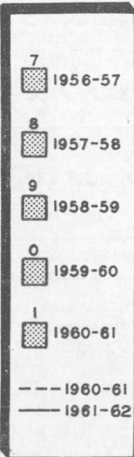
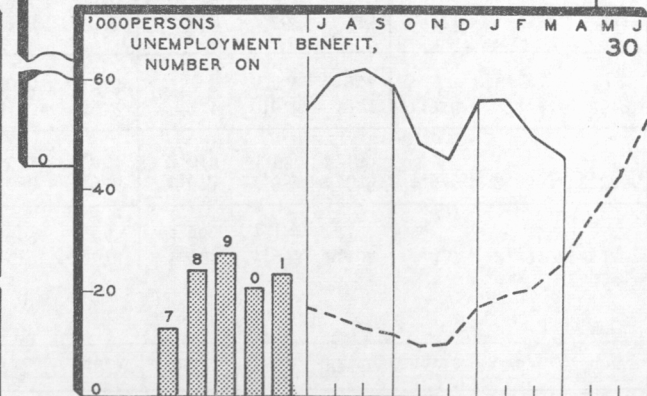
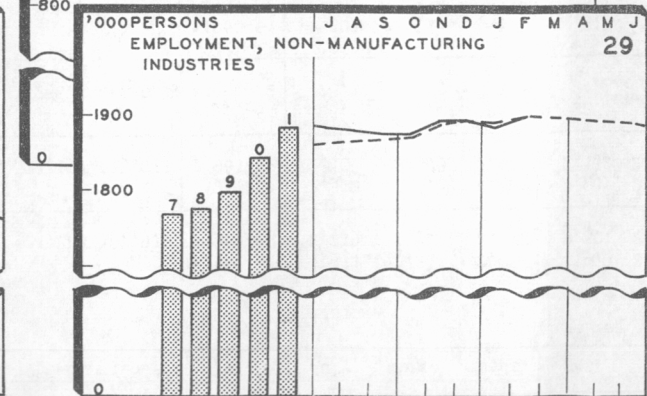
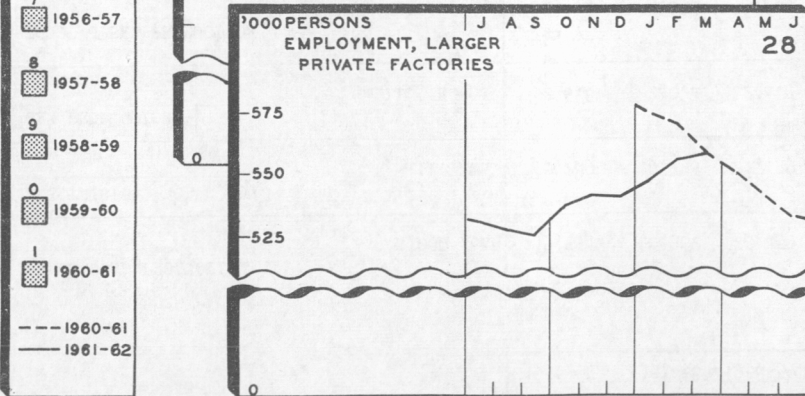
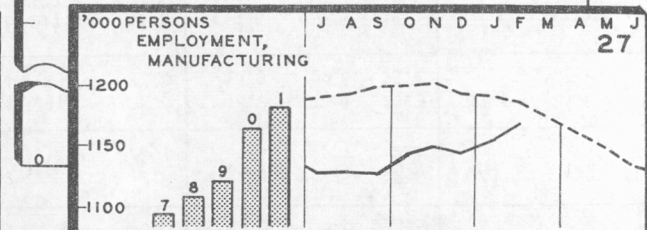
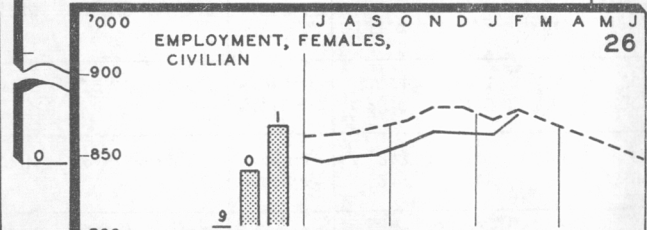
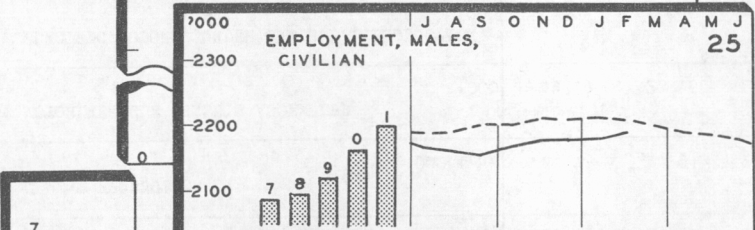
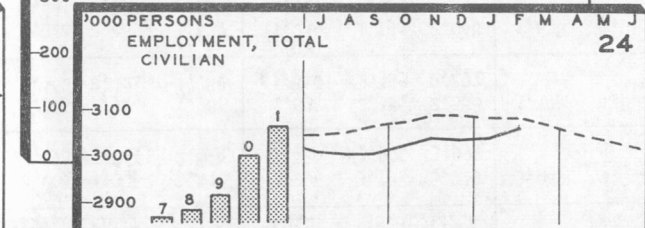
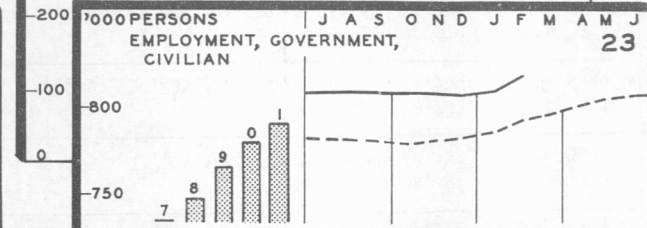
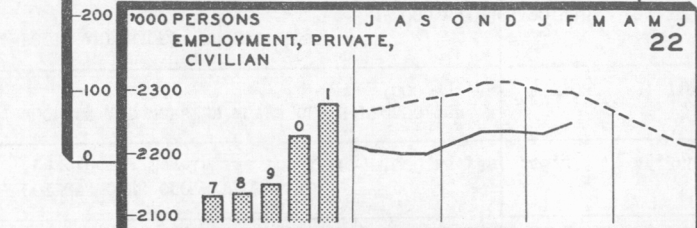
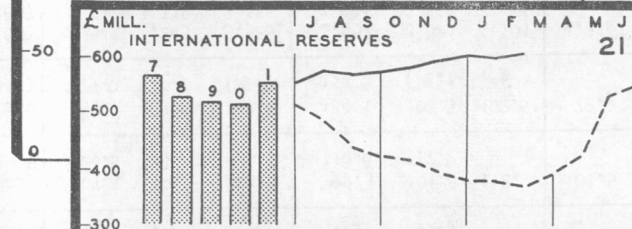
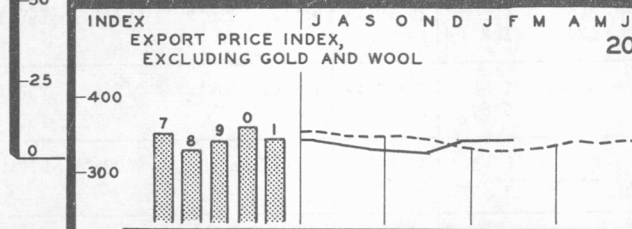
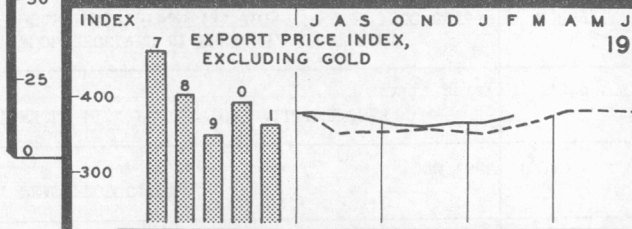
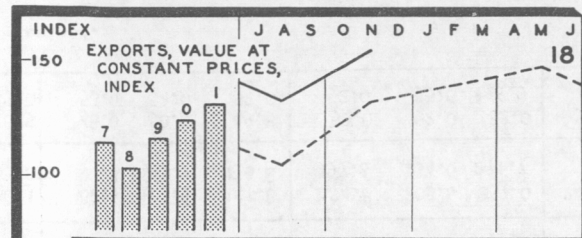
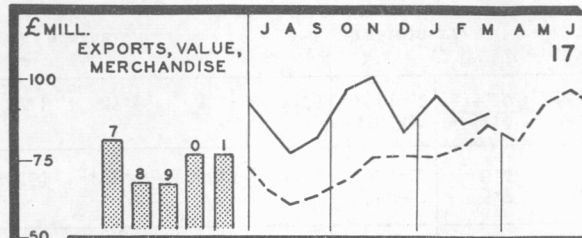
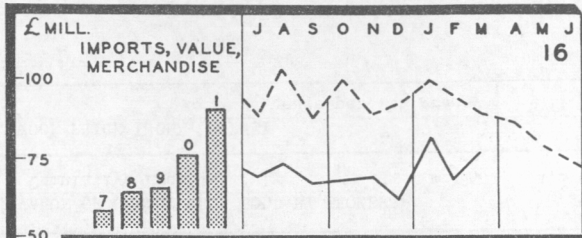


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|--|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION | '000 tons | 19,711 | 20,362 | 20,459 | *21,223 | *22,979 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 1,974 2,219 | 2,211 2,361 | 2,057 2,172 | 1,970 2,301 | 2,079 2,269 | 1,674 1,645 | 1,001 *1,181 | 1,953 2,058 | 2,184 | 1,437 | 2,291 | 2,148 | | | | |
| 2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION | mill. kWh. | 18,289 | 19,796 | 21,199 | 23,199 | *25,072 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 2,312 2,408 | 2,303 2,388 | 2,121 2,156 | 2,081 2,132 | 2,030 2,094 | 1,946 2,002 | 1,873 2,018 | 1,859 1,980 | 2,048 2,182 | 1,949 | 2,285 | 2,266 | | | | |
| 3. GAS PRODUCTION | mill. therms | 236.8 | 240.4 | 244.7 | 256.4 | *265.8 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 28.1 28.5 | 27.4 27.3 | 24.0 23.7 | 22.4 21.2 | 21.0 20.0 | 19.2 18.8 | 17.1 17.7 | 16.8 17.2 | 19.1 19.4 | 19.8 | 24.9 | 25.9 | | | | |
| 4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION | '000 tons | 2,774 | 3,038 | 3,204 | 3,520 | *3,737 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 309 352 | 332 338 | 310 339 | 315 337 | 313 311 | 336 348 | 257 339 | 282 308 | 325 345 | 321 | 332 | 331 | | | | |
| 5. CEMENT PRODUCTION | '000 tons | 2,173 | 2,291 | 2,481 | 2,644 | *2,860 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 243 242 | 245 249 | 253 239 | 252 245 | 247 229 | 218 207 | 193 175 | 228 207 | 256 244 | 231 | 251 | 243 | | | | |
| 6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED | '000 | 193.9 | 239.6 | 241.0 | 293.2 | *292.8 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 28.0 17.4 | 31.0 17.4 | 30.3 17.3 | 30.3 20.4 | 31.9 23.5 | 23.0 17.4 | 18.2 16.5 | 22.4 22.8 | 21.3 26.4 | 17.4 | 21.5 | 17.5 | | | | |
| 7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION | '000 | 898 | 1,066 | 1,248 | 1,549 | *1,738 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 144.9 105.6 | 173.2 125.1 | 188.4 139.9 | 175.7 152.1 | 217.6 172.7 | 158.1 128.5 | 110.5 114.2 | 126.8 136.8 | 133.5 142.9 | 91.6 | 113.7 | 104.2 | | | | |
| 8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling) | '000 sq.yds | 46,277 | 44,340 | 42,265 | 43,061 | *44,572 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 4,191 3,196 | 4,443 3,102 | 4,163 3,273 | 4,008 3,698 | 4,306 4,044 | 3,118 2,894 | 3,296 3,428 | 3,793 3,900 | 3,739 3,997 | 3,069 | 3,270 | 3,176 | | | | |
| 9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION | '000 sq.yds | 32,782 | 31,719 | 27,266 | 30,235 | *26,552 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 2,283 1,560 | 2,674 1,982 | 2,501 2,106 | 2,525 2,162 | 2,944 2,423 | 1,983 1,788 | 1,637 1,810 | 2,346 2,435 | 2,388 2,497 | 1,777 | 1,883 | 1,612 | | | | |
| 10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION | '000 pairs | 20,938 | 21,395 | 24,054 | 25,626 | *24,035 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 2,079 1,993 | 2,501 2,395 | 2,450 2,282 | 2,344 2,491 | 2,469 2,590 | 1,677 1,637 | 1,219 1,405 | 1,791 1,923 | 2,068 | 1,658 | 1,995 | 1,784 | | | | |
| 11. MEAT PRODUCTION | '000 tons | 1,270.1 | 1,314.5 | 1,500.6 | 1,425.7 | *1,313.6 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 110.5 121.3 | 101.4 121.8 | 108.1 122.5 | 107.5 126.8 | 110.7 128.1 | 103.8 115.5 | 99.3 118.8 | 101.6 117.2 | 112.9 | 101.5 | 123.9 | 132.4 | | | | |
| 12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES | mill. gals. | 1,358 | 1,264 | 1,370 | 1,407 | *1,341 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 69.5 79.3 | 100.5 110.0 | 128.8 144.3 | 155.7 179.0 | 163.2 178.7 | 157.9 169.7 | 134.1 151.6 | 102.5 118.7 | 102.6 | 79.9 | 76.2 | 69.8 | | | | |
| 13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July | '000 bales | 4,867 | 4,353 | 4,735 | 4,926 | 4,715 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 247 311 | 849 912 | 1,655 1,837 | 2,547 2,741 | 3,245 3,312 | 3,529 3,555 | 3,657 3,681 | 3,821 3,863 | 4,101 4,156 | 4,316 | 4,559 | 4,715 | | | | |
| 14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July | £ mill. | 478.0 | 334.8 | 292.7 | 356.1 | 311.4 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 5.7 8.4 | 18.0 20.3 | 30.1 57.2 | 82.5 98.8 | 123.5 143.9 | 147.8 173.8 | 174.8 197.3 | 203.6 234.0 | 237.0 271.7 | 247.7 | 286.9 | 311.4 | | | | |
| 15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY pence per lb. greasy | | 77.9 | 62.1 | 47.5 | 56.3 | 51.5 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 52.0 (a)56.0 | 48.0 56.0 | 48.5 55.0 | 48.0 53.0 | 50.0 52.0 | 49.5 52.0 | 50.0 52.0 | 52.0 55.0 | 53.0 *56.0 | 57.0 | 57.0 | 56.0 | | | | |

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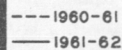
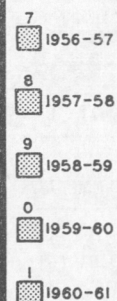
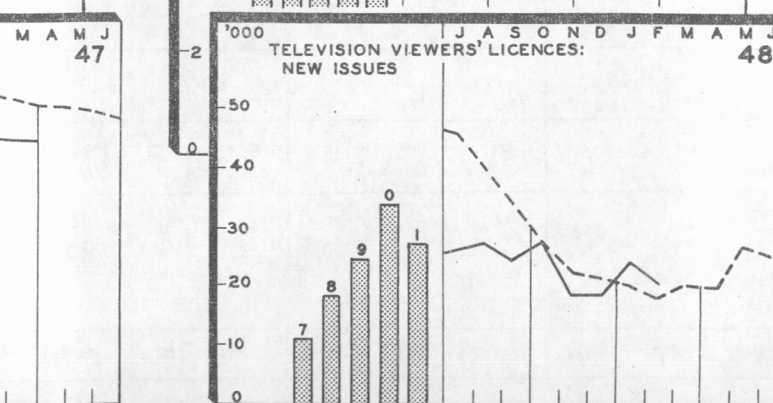
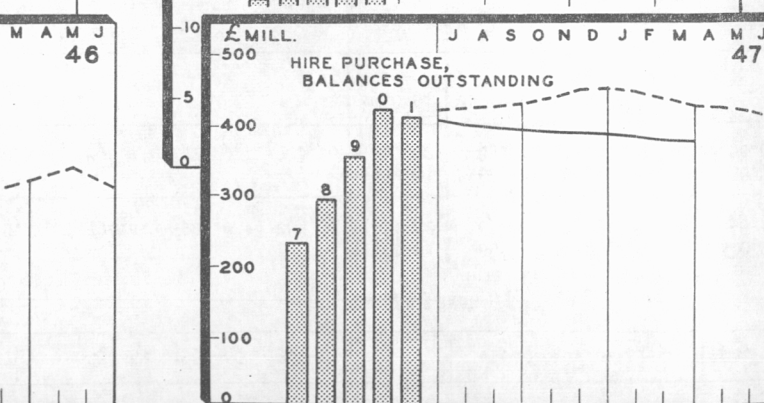
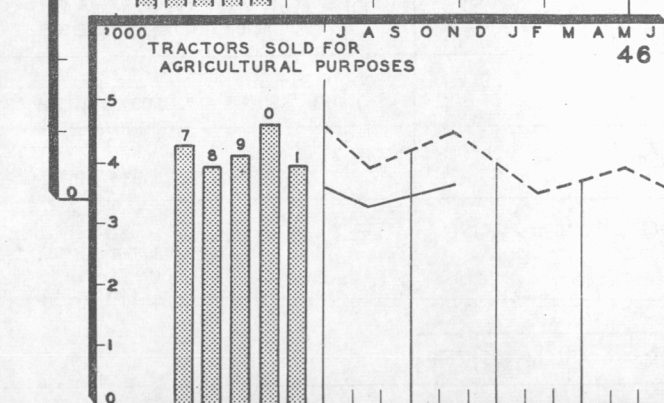
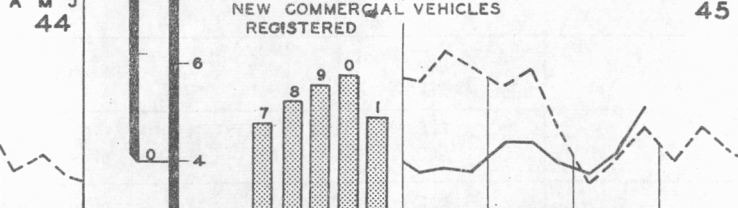
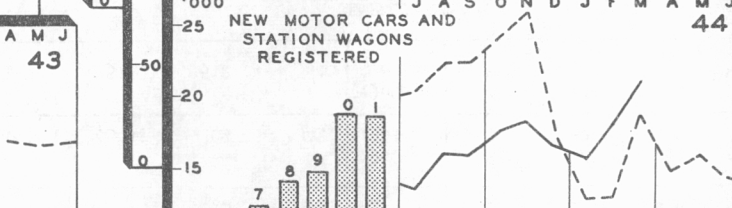
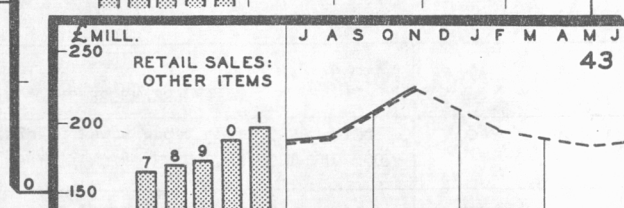
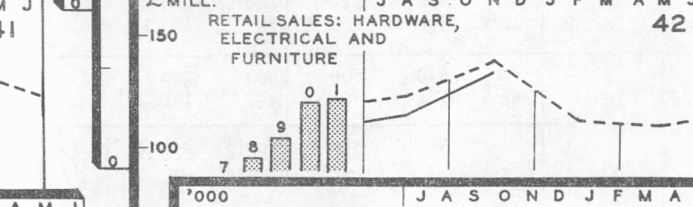
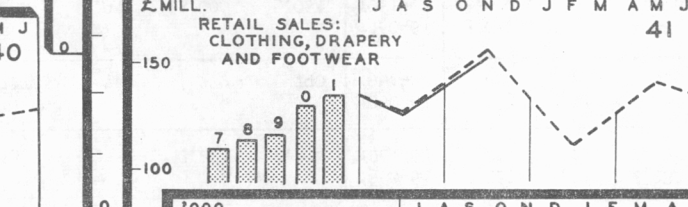
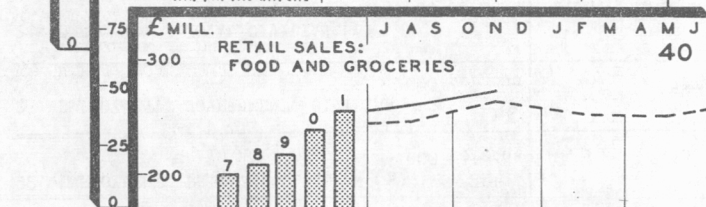
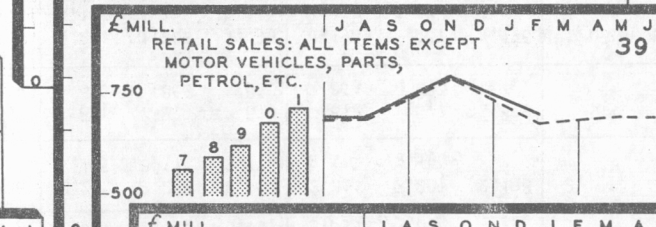
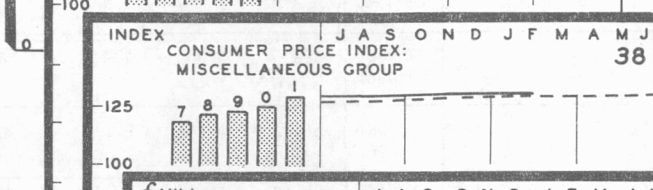
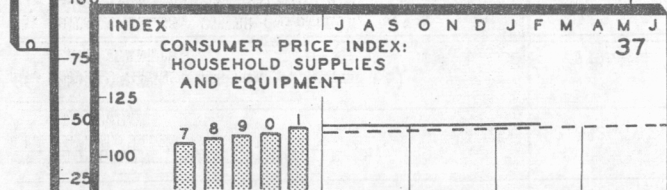
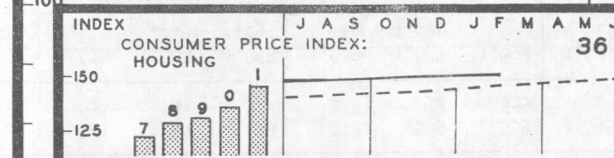
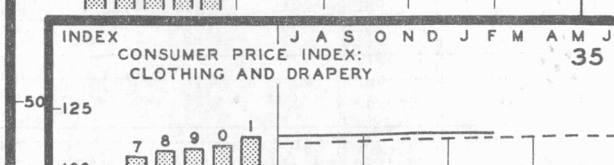
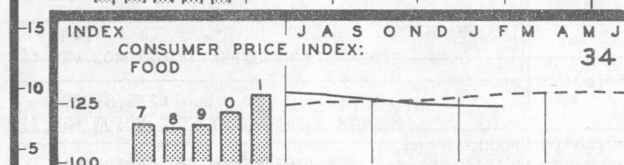
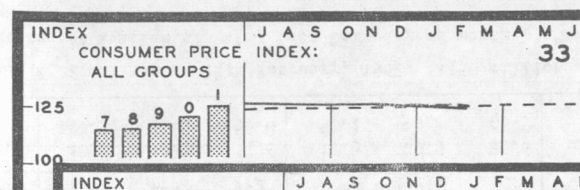
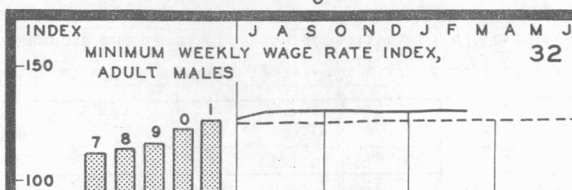
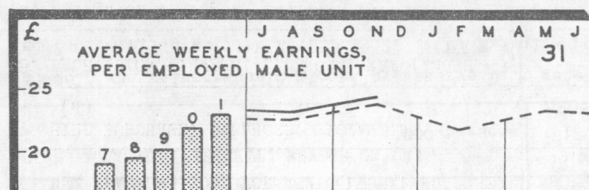
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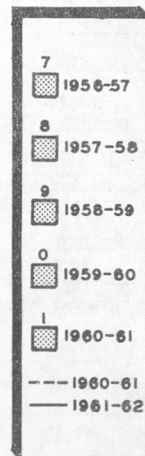
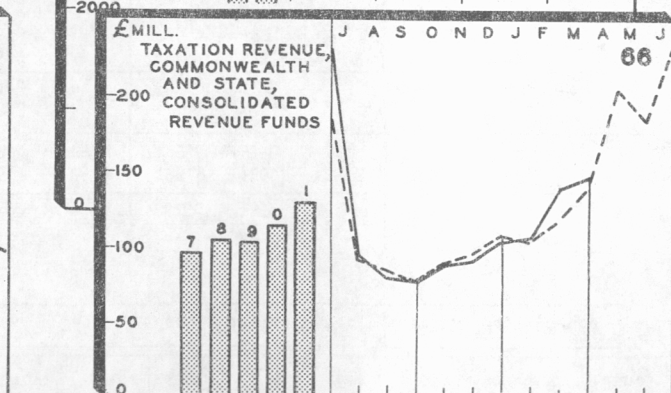
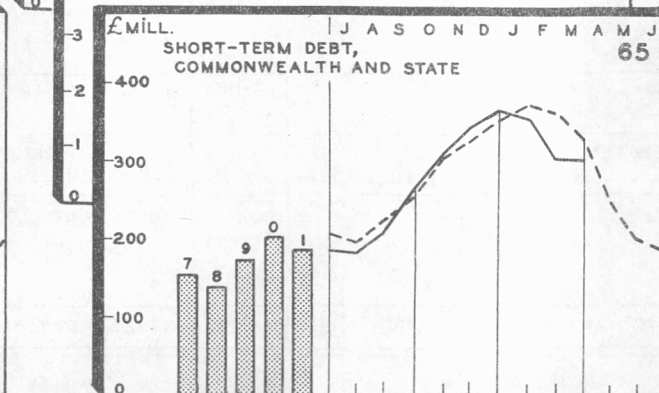
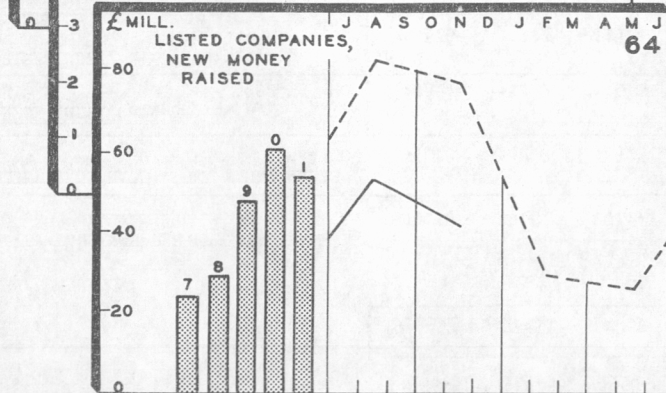
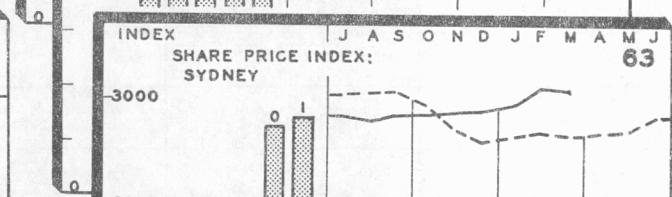
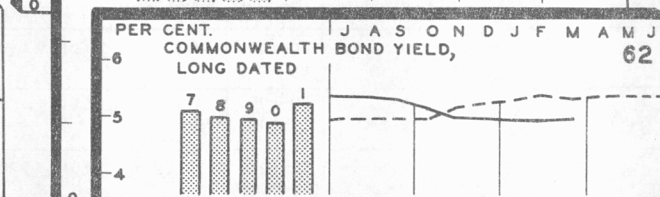
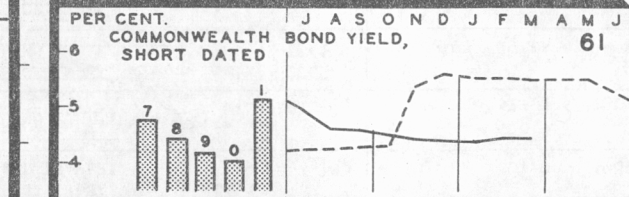
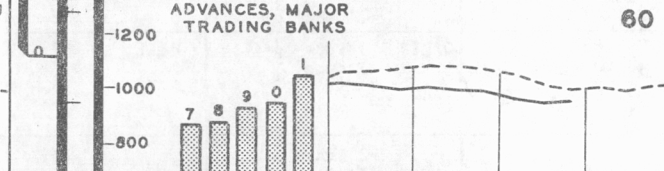
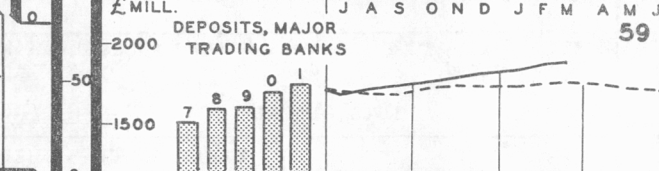
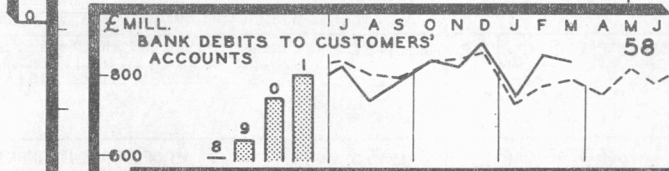
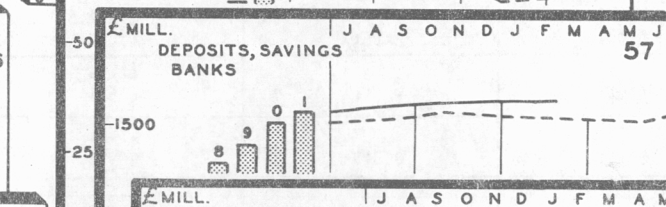
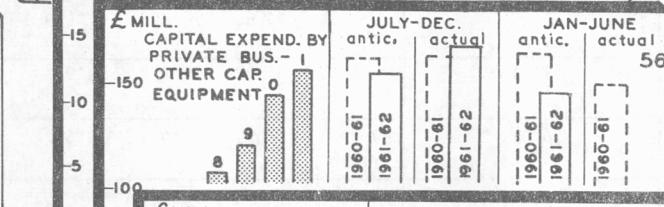
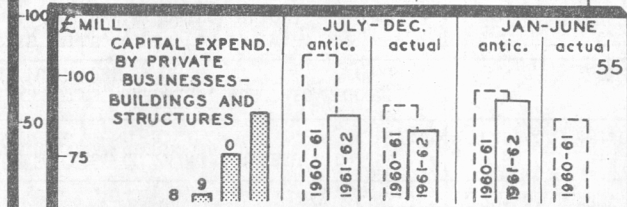
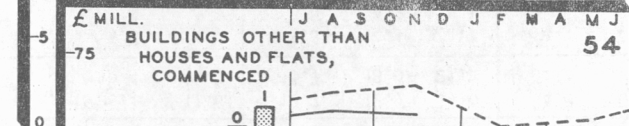
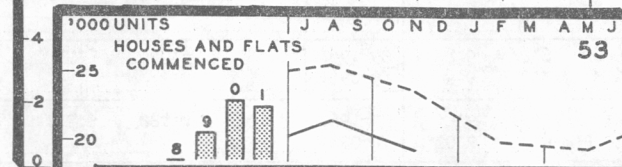
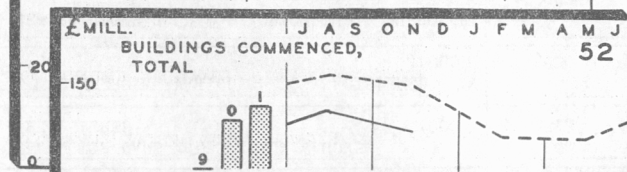
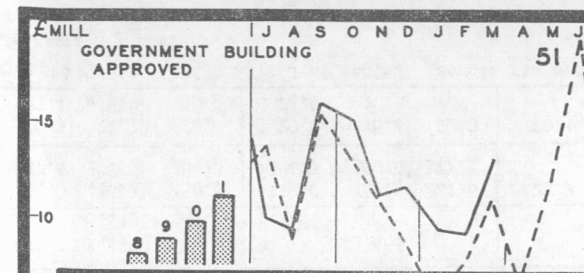
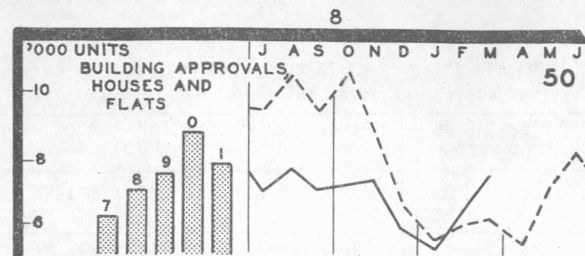
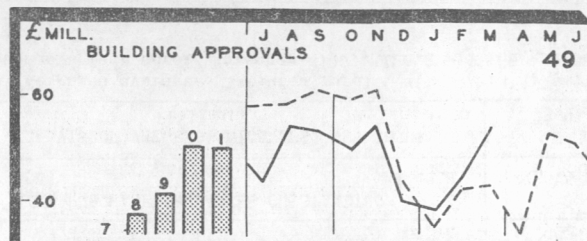
| | | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | 1958-59 | 1959-60 | 1960-61 | | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June |
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| OVERSEA TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE | £ mill. | 716.7 | 789.3 | 794.4 | 923.8 | *1,085.3 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 88.9 69.8 | 103.1 73.0 | 87.9 67.2 | 100.0 68.7 | 89.6 70.0 | 91.6 61.8 | 99.8 82.0 | 94.8 69.2 | 89.4 77.7 | 86.7 | 78.9 | 74.6 |
| 17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE | £ mill. | 973.0 | 810.3 | 806.7 | 925.9 | *928.0 | *1960-61 *1961-62 | 66.5 85.9 | 61.1 77.4 | 64.5 81.5 | 68.7 96.6 | 76.8 101.7 | 77.1 83.6 | 76.5 95.8 | 79.1 86.3 | 86.4 89.7 | 81.4 | 92.6 | 97.3 |
| 18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX 1955-56 = 100 | | 113 | 101 | 115 | 122 | 129 | 1960-61 *1961-62 | | 103 130 | | | 129 154 | | | 136 | | | 147 | |
| 19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD Average, 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 | | 464 | 400 | 351 | 393 | *366 | 1960-61 *1961-62 | 374 382 | 355 380 | 356 374 | 355 366 | 360 361 | 356 367 | 353 367 | 363 378 | 368 | 385 | *384 | *382 |
| 20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD AND WOOL Average, 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 | | 353 | 332 | 341 | 363 | *343 | 1960-61 *1961-62 | 356 343 | 348 340 | 347 335 | 348 333 | 344 331 | 339 343 | 330 343 | 335 343 | 337 | 342 | *341 | *343 |
| 21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a) | £ mill. | 567 | 525 | 516 | 512 | 551 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 483 575 | 442 571 | 424 573 | 413 578 | 398 587 | 376 602 | 375 596 | 374 608 | 388 | 417 | 531 | 551 |
| EMPLOYMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (b) | '000 persons | 2,125 | 2,133 | 2,150 | 2,221 | 2,274 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 2,267 2,201 | 2,274 2,198 | 2,283 2,197 | 2,293 2,213 | 2,306 2,232 | 2,306 2,231 | 2,297 2,230 | 2,291 2,246 | 2,273 | 2,253 | 2,235 | 2,214 |
| 23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN | '000 persons | 736 | 747 | 767 | 779 | 790 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 783 809 | 781 809 | 780 808 | 779 808 | 781 808 | 782 806 | 786 809 | 793 819 | 797 | 801 | 805 | 808 |
| 24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL, CIVILIAN (b) | '000 persons | 2,861 | 2,880 | 2,917 | 3,000 | 3,064 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 3,050 3,010 | 3,055 3,007 | 3,063 3,005 | 3,072 3,021 | 3,087 3,040 | 3,088 3,037 | 3,083 3,039 | 3,084 3,065 | 3,070 | 3,054 | 3,040 | 3,022 |
| 25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (b) | '000 | 2,082 | 2,089 | 2,113 | 2,160 | 2,197 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 2,189 2,165 | 2,192 2,161 | 2,196 2,156 | 2,201 2,165 | 2,208 2,174 | 2,209 2,172 | 2,211 2,176 | 2,207 2,190 | 2,198 | 2,191 | 2,184 | 2,173 |
| 26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (b) | '000 | 779 | 791 | 804 | 840 | 867 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 861 845 | 863 848 | 867 849 | 871 856 | 879 866 | 879 865 | 872 863 | 877 875 | 872 | 863 | 856 | 849 |
| 27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING | '000 persons | 1,093 | 1,106 | 1,121 | 1,165 | 1,182 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 1,191 1,129 | 1,194 1,128 | 1,199 1,127 | 1,201 1,144 | 1,202 1,151 | 1,195 1,146 | 1,194 1,157 | 1,187 1,170 | 1,176 | 1,163 | 1,150 | 1,136 |
| 28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES | '000 persons | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) | 1960-61 1961-62 | (a) 530 | (a) 527 | (a) 526 | (a) 538 | (a) 541 | (a) 541 | 573 547 | 569 554 | 559 559 | 549 | 542 | 533 |
| 29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (b) | '000 persons | 1,768 | 1,774 | 1,796 | 1,835 | 1,882 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 1,859 1,861 | 1,861 1,879 | 1,864 1,878 | 1,871 1,877 | 1,885 1,889 | 1,893 1,891 | 1,889 1,882 | 1,897 1,895 | 1,894 | 1,891 | 1,890 | 1,886 |
| 30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d) | '000 persons | 12.7 | 23.9 | 27.3 | 20.7 | 23.0 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 14.9 61.5 | 13.3 62.1 | 11.8 59.6 | 10.4 48.5 | 10.7 45.5 | 17.6 56.8 | 19.3 57.1 | 20.9 50.1 | 25.6 45.9 | 35.0 | 42.7 | 54.3 |

(a) Gold and balances held abroad by Reserve Bank were £510 million at 20th December, 1961, £508 million at 31st January, 1962, £522 million at 28th February, 1962, £450 million at 28th March, 1962, and £462 million at 11th April, 1962. (b) Excludes rural wage earners and female private domestics. (c) Comparable statistics not available. (d) Last Saturday of month. * Preliminary. † Revised.



| | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | 1958-59 | 1959-60 | 1960-61 | | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June |
|--|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| WAGES, RETAIL PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT | £ | 19.16 | 19.67 | 20.19 | 21.76 | 22.89 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 22.68 23.05 | | 23.87 24.35 | | 21.83 | | 23.17 | | | | |
| 32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) | 1954=100 | 110.8 | 112.8 | 115.3 | 121.3 | 125.7 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 124.5 129.1 | 124.9 129.5 | 124.9 129.5 | 125.1 129.5 | 125.7 129.4 | 125.7 129.4 | 125.9 129.6 | 126.2 129.5 | 126.3 | 126.3 | 126.7 126.7 |
| 33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS | 1952-53=100 | 113.1 | 114.2 | 116.0 | 118.9 | 123.8 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 122.5 124.8 | | 123.3 124.3 | | 124.2 124.1 | | 125.0 | | | | |
| 34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD | 1952-53=100 | 115.3 | 113.3 | 115.4 | 119.8 | 127.7 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 126.0 128.1 | | 126.7 125.3 | | 128.6 124.7 | | 129.4 | | | | |
| 35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY | 1952-53=100 | 103.9 | 107.0 | 108.2 | 109.4 | 111.6 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 110.7 112.4 | | 111.5 112.9 | | 111.7 112.9 | | 112.4 | | | | |
| 36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING | 1952-53=100 | 122.1 | 127.3 | 130.6 | 135.2 | 144.8 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 141.4 148.5 | | 144.1 150.5 | | 145.7 151.0 | | 148.0 | | | | |
| 37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT | 1952-53=100 | 105.8 | 107.5 | 108.7 | 109.8 | 111.2 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 110.6 112.6 | | 111.0 112.7 | | 111.3 112.7 | | 111.9 | | | | |
| 38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP | 1952-53=100 | 118.0 | 119.7 | 121.2 | 123.9 | 127.3 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 126.7 127.9 | | 127.2 128.3 | | 127.5 128.0 | | 127.7 | | | | |
| INTERNAL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. | £ mill. | 2,247.8 | 2,342.2 | 2,453.5 | 2,691.5 | 2,821.4 | 1960-61 *1961-62 | 224.6 | 227.3 | 232.9 | 233.9 | 243.1 | 307.0 | *235.8 | 221.4 | 238.0 | (b)220.2 | 239.0 226.4 |
| 40. RETAIL SALES, FOOD AND GROCERIES | £ mill. | 796.8 | 823.6 | 870.0 | 941.1 | 1,010.1 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 246.1 257.2 | | | 264.0 270.1 | | 250.2 | | 249.8 | | |
| 41. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY AND FOOTWEAR | £ mill. | 440.1 | 451.0 | 469.6 | 516.8 | 538.3 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 128.5 126.9 | | | 156.8 154.5 | | 112.0 | | 141.0 | | |
| 42. RETAIL SALES, HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FURNITURE | £ mill. | 349.7 | 380.4 | 416.8 | 481.3 | 484.9 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 123.1 114.6 | | | 139.3 133.7 | | 111.8 | | 110.7 | | |
| 43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) | £ mill. | 661.2 | 687.2 | 697.1 | 752.3 | 793.4 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 188.1 188.7 | | | 225.1 225.7 | | 194.2 | | 186.0 | | |
| 44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED | '000 | 147.3 | 166.2 | 176.3 | 224.1 | 223.1 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 20.4 13.6 | 22.5 16.1 | 22.4 15.7 | 24.2 17.8 | 26.1 18.4 | 17.6 16.6 | 12.7 15.7 | 12.9 18.0 | 19.0 21.2 | 14.8 | 16.3 14.2 |
| 45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, ETC., REGISTERED (c) | '000 | 58.0 | 61.8 | 66.3 | 68.9 | 59.0 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 5.6 3.8 | 6.2 3.9 | 5.8 3.8 | 5.5 4.4 | 5.8 4.4 | 4.7 4.0 | 3.6 3.8 | 4.1 4.2 | 4.7 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.7 4.2 |
| 46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES | No. | 16,982 | 15,726 | 16,342 | 18,425 | 15,719 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 3,870 3,268 | | | 4,467 3,613 | | 3,466 | | 3,916 | | |
| 47. HIRE PURCHASE, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (d) | £ mill. | 236.5 | 296.7 | 354.8 | 422.0 | 407.6 | 1960-61 *1961-62 | 424.9 400.4 | 428.2 395.8 | 434.1 391.9 | 439.0 389.6 | 448.2 388.9 | 450.4 388.8 | 449.0 384.6 | 437.5 380.0 | 427.6 377.0 | 423.2 | 416.6 407.6 |
| 48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES | '000 | 73.9 | 224.1 | 300.0 | 403.8 | 323.2 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 45.7 25.9 | 40.0 27.4 | 33.8 24.5 | 27.3 27.4 | 22.7 18.8 | 22.0 18.8 | 20.0 24.5 | 18.4 20.7 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 27.2 25.5 |

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Monthly series from April, 1961. (c) Commercial vehicles include utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: November, 1961, £20.2 million and December, 1961 £18.6 million and January, 1962, £17.9 million. * Preliminary. † Revised.



| | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | 1958-59 | 1959-60 | 1960-61 | | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May | June |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|----------------|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| BUILDING, ETC. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49. BUILDING APPROVALS £ mill. | 394.1 | 445.7 | 495.8 | 603.7 | 602.1 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 58.9 43.7 | 59.1 54.4 | 61.3 53.2 | 59.5 49.7 | 61.3 54.2 | 44.2 40.0 | 34.6 38.6 | 41.4 44.8 | 43.6 54.3 | 33.2 | 53.1 | 51.9 |
| 50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS '000 units | 75.7 | 84.3 | 90.0 | 103.8 | 93.6 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 9.4 7.0 | 10.4 7.7 | 9.4 7.0 | 10.6 7.2 | 8.7 7.4 | 6.6 5.9 | 5.6 5.4 | 6.0 6.5 | 6.3 7.5 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 8.1 |
| 51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED £ mill. | 83.3 | 95.6 | 103.9 | 115.8 | 133.9 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 13.6 9.9 | 8.6 9.2 | 15.3 16.1 | 13.0 15.1 | 11.0 11.1 | 8.7 11.4 | 5.7 9.3 | 9.5 9.1 | 10.9 13.1 | 6.4 | 11.8 | 19.4 |
| 52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL £ mill. | 359.6 | 380.5 | 432.4 | 523.9 | 552.0 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 153.2 134.7 | | | 149.3 126.6 | | | 125.2 | | | 124.3 | |
| 53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED '000 units | 69.5 | 73.3 | 81.7 | 91.3 | 88.9 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 25.7 21.5 | | | 23.9 19.2 | | | 20.1 | | | 19.2 | |
| 54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED £ mill. | 150.2 | 151.4 | 177.6 | 231.3 | 252.8 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 67.0 62.3 | | | 68.0 61.6 | | | 57.9 | | | 59.9 | |
| 55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures £ mill. | (a) | 119.6 | 123.0 | 152.1 | 176.9 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | (106.5 anticipated) (87.7 anticipated) | | | 90.7 actual 83.1 actual | | | (95.4 anticipated) (92.8 anticipated) | | | 86.2 actual | |
| 56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment £ mill. | (a) | 214.2 | 242.3 | 294.4 | 316.0 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | (163.2 anticipated) (157.0 anticipated) | | | 165.2 actual 170.2 actual | | | (166.5 anticipated) (147.1 anticipated) | | | 150.8 actual | |
| FINANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS £ mill. | 1,227 | 1,297 | 1,391 | 1,523 | 1,578 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 1,537 1,595 | 1,551 1,609 | 1,563 1,625 | 1,581 1,635 | 1,577 1,644 | 1,567 1,651 | 1,564 1,655 | 1,561 1,665 | 1,552 | 1,549 | 1,548 | 1,578 |
| 58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b) £ mill. | 563 | 593 | 637 | 747 | 804 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 835 820 | 805 730 | 797 789 | 832 833 | 846 816 | 857 881 | 721 748 | 769 856 | 796 834 | 757 | 815 | 782 |
| 59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill. | 1,513 | 1,596 | 1,603 | 1,708 | 1,729 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 1,706 1,701 | 1,702 1,711 | 1,696 1,728 | 1,719 1,766 | 1,731 1,790 | 1,728 1,824 | 1,730 1,857 | 1,760 1,887 | 1,771 1,895 | 1,758 | 1,722 | 1,715 |
| 60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill. | 869 | 882 | 930 | 952 | 1,050 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 1,060 1,035 | 1,066 1,015 | 1,078 1,001 | 1,092 1,007 | 1,090 999 | 1,080 992 | 1,059 977 | 1,030 965 | 1,012 972 | 1,017 | 1,010 | 1,020 |
| 61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent. | 4.71 | 4.38 | 4.16 | 4.01 | 5.06 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 4.26 4.93 | 4.29 4.60 | 4.30 4.59 | 4.31 4.46 | 5.35 4.38 | 5.60 4.36 | 5.50 4.35 | 5.49 4.39 | 5.46 4.39 | 5.46 | 5.43 | 5.23 |
| 62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED per cent. | 5.06 | 4.99 | 4.94 | 4.91 | 5.21 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 4.97 5.34 | 4.96 5.35 | 4.97 5.33 | 4.97 5.13 | 5.19 4.99 | 5.30 4.98 | 5.34 4.94 | 5.38 4.94 | 5.35 4.95 | 5.36 | 5.36 | 5.36 |
| 63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c) | 1,707 | 1,836 | 1,966 | 2,718 | 2,787 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 3,029 2,799 | 3,056 2,782 | 3,086 2,809 | 2,951 2,829 | 2,697 2,857 | 2,582 2,857 | 2,615 2,969 | 2,656 3,122 | 2,631 3,113 | 2,665 | 2,682 | 2,794 |
| 64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED £ mill. | 94.7 | 113.5 | 188.2 | 242.2 | 217.0 | 1960-61 1961-62 | | 82.7 53.1 | | | 77.4 41.8 | | | 27.9 | | | 29.0 | |
| 65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE (d) £ mill. | 150 | 140 | 171 | 201 | 186 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 195 181 | 222 208 | 254 263 | 304 310 | 324 340 | 350 363 | 367 354 | 361 306 | 330 305 | 249 | 200 | 186 |
| 66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated Revenue Funds £ mill. | 1,180 | 1,250 | 1,225 | 1,360 | 1,543 | 1960-61 1961-62 | 91.1 93.8 | 86.0 81.7 | 77.8 78.2 | 91.0 90.6 | 97.7 93.5 | 110.0 106.6 | 104.5 108.1 | 119.3 139.8 | 138.1 147.1 | 203.9 | 187.2 | 236.3 |

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period. * Preliminary. † Revised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 11.

| Item | Publication Reference No. (Page 11). | Item | Publication Reference No. (Page 11). |
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| 1. | 19 | 33-38. Consumer Price Index : New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin, 891. | 5 |
| 2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale | 19 | 39-43. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. | 8 |
| 3. Total produced in gas works | 19 | 44-45. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services. | 26, 27 |
| 4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May. | 19 | 46. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors. | 7 |
| 5. Portland cement. | 19, 25 | 47. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges and insurance. | 28 |
| 6. Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such. | 19, 21 | 48. | 16 |
| 7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. | 19, 20 | 49-50. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units. | 11 |
| 8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. | 19, 22 | 51. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. | 11 |
| 9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. | 19, 23 | 52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. | 3 |
| 10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots. | 19, 24 | 53. Excludes conversions to flats. | 3, 4 |
| 11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. | 15 | 54. See 52 above. | 3 |
| 12. | 12 | 55-56. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive. | 2 |
| 13. Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. | - | 57. Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. | 29, 30 |
| 14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. | - | 58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank. | 9 |
| 15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of grease wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. | 17 | 59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks). | 9, 10 |
| 16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment. | 18 | 61-62. Theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 2/- in the pound. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank. | 16 |
| 18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56. | 1 | 63. Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. | 16, 17 |
| 19-20. | 14 | 64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issue of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. | 6 |
| 21. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. | - | 65. Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. All figures at end of period. | 16 |
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| 27. Figures for periods to June, 1960 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns and returns of Government employment. | 13 | | |
| 28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. | 13 | | |
| 29. See 22 above. | 13 | | |
| 30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. | 13 | | |
| 31. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. | 13 | | |
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